II. REMARKS

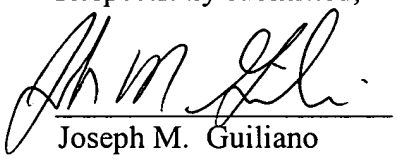
Applicants submit the foregoing claim cancellations for the purpose of expediting prosecution of the instant application. In addition, claim 21 has been amended to correct a minor inadvertency. No new matter has been added.

III. CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully request consideration of the foregoing amendments and allowance of the instant application.

If the Examiner has any remaining informalities to be addressed, it is believed that prosecution can be expedited by the Examiner contacting the undersigned attorney for a telephone interview to discuss resolution of such informalities.

Respectfully submitted,



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Appendix A

Applicants' Marked-Up Claim Language

3. (Unchanged) A method of controlling a receiver station including the steps of:

detecting one of a presence and an absence of a broadcast signal transmitted from a first remote station;

selecting a cablecast signal for reception based on said step of detecting, said cablecast signal being transmitted from a second remote station; and

receiving said cablecast signal based on said step of selecting.

4. (Unchanged) A method of controlling a receiver station including the steps of:

detecting one of a presence and an absence of a cablecast signal transmitted from a first remote station;

selecting a broadcast signal for reception based on said step of detecting, said broadcast signal being transmitted from a second remote station; and

receiving said broadcast signal based on said step of selecting.

5. (Unchanged) The method of claim 3, further comprising the steps of:

controlling a switch to select a cablecast signal input; and

communicating a signal from said selected cablecast signal input to a receiver.

6. (Unchanged) The method of claim 4, further comprising the steps of:

controlling a switch to select a broadcast signal input; and

communicating a signal from said selected broadcast signal input to a receiver.

7. **(Cancelled.)**

8. **(Cancelled.)**

9. **(Cancelled.)**

10. **(Cancelled.)**

11. **(Cancelled.)**

12. **(Cancelled.)**

13. **(Cancelled.)**

14. **(Cancelled.)**

15. **(Cancelled.)**

16. **(Cancelled.)**

17. **(Cancelled.)**

18. **(Cancelled.)**

19. **(Cancelled.)**

20. **(Cancelled.)**

21. **(Four Times Amended)** A method of controlling at least one receiver station, said at least one receiver station in a network having a plurality of receiver

stations, said at least one receiver station including one of a broadcast and a cablecast signal receiver, at least one processor, a signal detector, said signal detector adapted to receive signals from said one of a broadcast and a cablecast signal receiver, and said processor programmed to respond to signals from said detector, said method comprising the steps of:

receiving at one of a broadcast and a cablecast transmitter station an instruct signal which is effective at said at least one receiver station to perform one of the group consisting of:

(a) selecting and receiving a cablecast signal based on one of a presence and absence of a broadcast signal; and

(b) selecting and receiving a broadcast signal based on one of a presence and absence of a cablecast signal;

transferring said instruct signal to a transmitter;

receiving at least one control signal at said one of a broadcast and a cablecast transmitter station, said at <u>least</u> one [least] control signal designating said at least one receiver station of said plurality of receiver stations in which said instruct signal is addressed; and

transferring said at least one control signal to said transmitter, said one of a broadcast and a cablecast transmitter station one of broadcasting and cablecasting said instruct signal and said at least one control signal to said plurality of receiver stations.

22. **(Cancelled.)**

23. **(Cancelled.)**

24. **(Cancelled.)**

25. **(Cancelled.)**

26. **(Cancelled.)**

27. **(Cancelled.)**

28. **(Cancelled.)**